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First sergeants, chapel unite; help community

2ND LT. RYAN FITZGERALD
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Despite all the media hoopla about military pay increases, there are many Tyndall airmen who have trouble making ends meet. During the holidays, strain on the family budget can get to be more than manageable. So together with the chapel, the first sergeants are sponsoring "Operation Turkey Drop." This program locates Tyndall folks who may, for any reason, not be able to put a big Thanksgiving dinner on the table for their families. Then, with provisions donated by other Team Tyndall members and some local community members, the first sergeants deliver baskets of food to the families in need. The program, said Master Sgt. James Johns, 325th Mission Support Squadron first sergeant, will provide turkeys and trimmings to 150 Tyndall families this year. "A local businessman donates the turkeys, but if he didn't, the first sergeants would purchase anything needed to make the holiday a little better."

In addition to "Turkey Drop," the chapel is sponsoring several programs to make the Thanksgiving holiday a little nicer for troops who otherwise wouldn't be able to mark the day as anything special. On Tuesday, there will be a singles and unaccompanied dinner from 3:30-6 p.m. in Chapel 2. "We will host about 300 people, both in-house and by carry-out. It's a large project that uses many volunteers," said Wing Chaplain Dan Nigolian. That same day, there will be a Thanksgiving worship service at 7 p.m., also in Chapel 2.

On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, there will

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Staff Sgt. Dan Neely

Visit the Veterans

Col. Joseph Sokol, 325th Support Group commander, talks with Philip Mesney, a local veteran, at GlenCove Nursing Pavilion Sunday as part of the Visit the Veterans program. The site was one of eight nursing homes visited by Tyndall airmen. Check out more photos on Page 9.

Tyndall takes two MEA awards at AETC

SENIOR AIRMAN RUSSELL CROWE
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

The 2nd Fighter Squadron and the Logistics Support Squadron have reason to celebrate. They were recently named as winners in the 2001 Air Education and Training Command Maintenance Effectiveness Awards competition.

The accomplishment comes to the squadrons after a year of hard work that included supporting a presidential visit, numerous contingencies and temporary duty assignments and participating in an AETC

Operational Readiness Inspection. The teams are currently completing their packages for competition at the Air Force level.

2nd Fighter Squadron

Maj. Andy Miskovich, 2nd FS maintenance officer, and his team of maintenance experts coupled a vast amount of experience with their long list of accomplishments, making them highly competitive in this year's competition. The team received an 'Excellent' rating in the AETC ORI and had a zero Class-A mishap

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Tyndall troops excel in competitions

BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM F. HODGKINS

325th Fighter Wing commander



Last week was a busy one, and I'm pleased to say there's plenty of good news to share with you.

I want to begin by thanking all of you who helped make Veterans Day special for many of our local area veterans who live in nursing homes. Sunday's "Visit the Vets" program, flyovers and honor guard performances gave Team Tyndall an opportunity to remember and celebrate our veterans and the sacrifices they made for our country.

I saw many of you out there, and I know it was a memorable time for everyone who attended. A special thanks to all our participating base organizations for making the program such a success.

Speaking of success, I'm happy to announce that a bunch of our top performers figured prominently when wing and



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325th Fighter Wing commander

command-level awards were recently announced.

The Checkertail Clan's finest were recognized for their outstanding efforts during the past quarter. Congratulations to all our quarterly award winners: They are:

Company Grade Officer: **Capt. Amy Peterson**, 325th Support Group; Senior NCO: **Master Sgt. Ishraph Mohammed**, 325th SPTG; NCO: **Staff Sgt. Angel Rivera Jr.**, 325th Operations Group; Airman: **Senior Airman Christopher Moore**, 325th OG; Honor

Guard: **Airman 1st Class Dominic Lewis**, 325th Air Control Squadron.

Likewise, I know our 325th Civil Engineer Squadron is a happy bunch of folks, and they have plenty of reasons to be proud. After all, they grabbed about 20 percent of the trophies in Air Education and Training Command's annual CE awards competition.

Tyndall's winners are: 325th CES Resources Flight, Robert C. Thompson Award for Outstanding Resources Flight; **Lt. Col. John Borland**, 325th

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Action Line

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency. The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers. If you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the office of inspections, 283-4646. Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM F. HODGKINS

325th Fighter Wing commander

Serving in America's military an awesome responsibility

TECH. SGT. TIM DOUGHERTY

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — My 7-year-old son Alex asked me a very good question as we were driving cross-country during the past two weeks: "Daddy, how come you're going to the Pentagon?" The simple way for me to answer the question was to have him look out the window of the car.

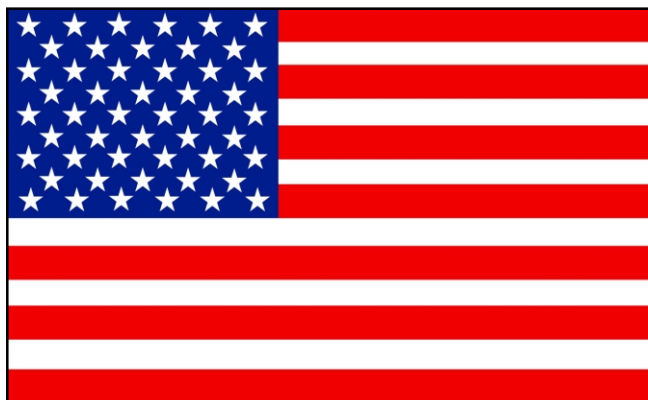
"You see that guy over there? I've been ordered to the Pentagon for him and his family. I'm going for the lady driving that oversized truck we just passed. I'm going because the people of America need me," I said.

Although it was a fairly philosophical way to answer the question, my two sons seemed to understand my explanation quite well, despite their youth. The reason we serve isn't always as clear-cut as it is right now.

Before the events of Sept. 11, America was at peace. Of course, it was a relative peace. Our Air Force was

deployed all over the world as usual, but there wasn't any one threat you could point to and say, "I'm defending America from this particular bad guy."

The terrorist attacks on the nation put into focus the reason we wear the uniform. My trip across the country reminded me of what we are all fighting to protect.



I wear the uniform to keep the gates of Rocky Mountain National Park open for visitors from across the country and the world. I serve because there are thousands of people in Wisconsin who need to be protected as they cheer on their Green Bay Packers. I saw countless other examples of America's freedom — the freedom we all serve to protect — during our 2,500-mile drive from California.

As my family and I window-shopped at a mall in Council Bluffs, Iowa, tears welled up in my eyes as I looked at a display of New York photographs taken before terrorists destroyed the majestic twin towers. I serve because the people of America are too precious to allow anyone to do this to us again.

Take a moment to get out and truly see the America you serve. You'll see Old Glory flying higher than ever, and don't be surprised if someone stops and says "thank you." Serving in America's Air Force is an awesome responsibility, but it's worth it.

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CES commander, Senior Military Manager of the Year; **Robert Richardson II**, Civilian Manager of the Year; **Joseph McLernan** and **Blake Brown**, Environmental Restoration Award for Individual/Team Excellence; and **Jack Mobley**, Natural Resources Conservation Award for Individual/Team Excellence.

The squadron also landed awards in several project categories. They are: 2002 Concept Design Award (Low Observable/Composite Repair Facility); Training Simulator/Academic Training Facility; Medical Clinic Addition/Alteration; and the Gen. Thomas D. White Environmental Award (Environmental Quality Award, Non-Industrial Environmental Restoration). With all the construction going on here – from simulators to maintenance facilities and much more — it’s easy to see why the 325th CES is so valuable to Tyndall and was deservedly recognized for their efforts.

Congratulations to all of our winners. They’ve all gone that extra mile to make Tyndall the best it can be.

Lt. Col. Steve Wallender succeeded **Lt. Col. Joe Breen** as the 325th Operations Support Squadron commander Friday. Lt. Col. Breen has moved up to be-

come the new 325th Operations Group deputy commander. Lt. Col. Wallender was formerly the squadron’s director of operations.

Congratulations “Mean Joe” and “Banger” — I know you’ll do a fantastic job!

With the holidays fast approaching, I’d like to spread the word about the Single Airmen’s Dinner, which takes place at 3:30-6 p.m. Tuesday in the Chapel 2 annex. If you’re a single airman, you won’t want to miss out on this delicious free holiday meal, as well as the opportunity for good fellowship in a relaxing atmosphere.

On a similar note, the upcoming holiday season will offer a period of several long weekends and leaves, with plenty of time to rest, reflect, socialize and spend time with family and friends. If your celebrations involve alcohol, remember to drink responsibly. Plan ahead. Have a designated driver. If you find yourself needing a ride, call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 867-AADD (2233), use the wing taxicab program or call your supervisor or first sergeant. Think before you drink.


Be safe and have a great week!

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be a dinner on the flightline side of the base for those airmen who can’t leave work for long and cannot be home for the holiday. From 4-6 p.m., the chapel and services will serve turkey and all the trimmings. For more information on any of the Thanksgiving programs, or to volunteer, call the chapel at 283-2925.

There's only one way to come out ahead of the pack.

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DOD suggests new ways to thank troops

COURTESY OF THE
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — Department of Defense officials are suggesting new ways for Americans to show support for servicemembers deployed overseas.

The initiatives provide alternatives to traditional letter-writing campaigns which were suspended because of attacks on America. DOD officials suggest Americans support the troops by helping the communities in which they live.

For example, people can visit a Veterans Affairs hospital or nursing home on behalf of servicemembers who normally would visit but are now

deployed or otherwise occupied with their duties.

Many servicemembers volunteer to coach children’s teams, feed the homeless and aid their communities in a variety of other ways. Interested Americans can show their support and honor their military by stepping in to assist in these programs.

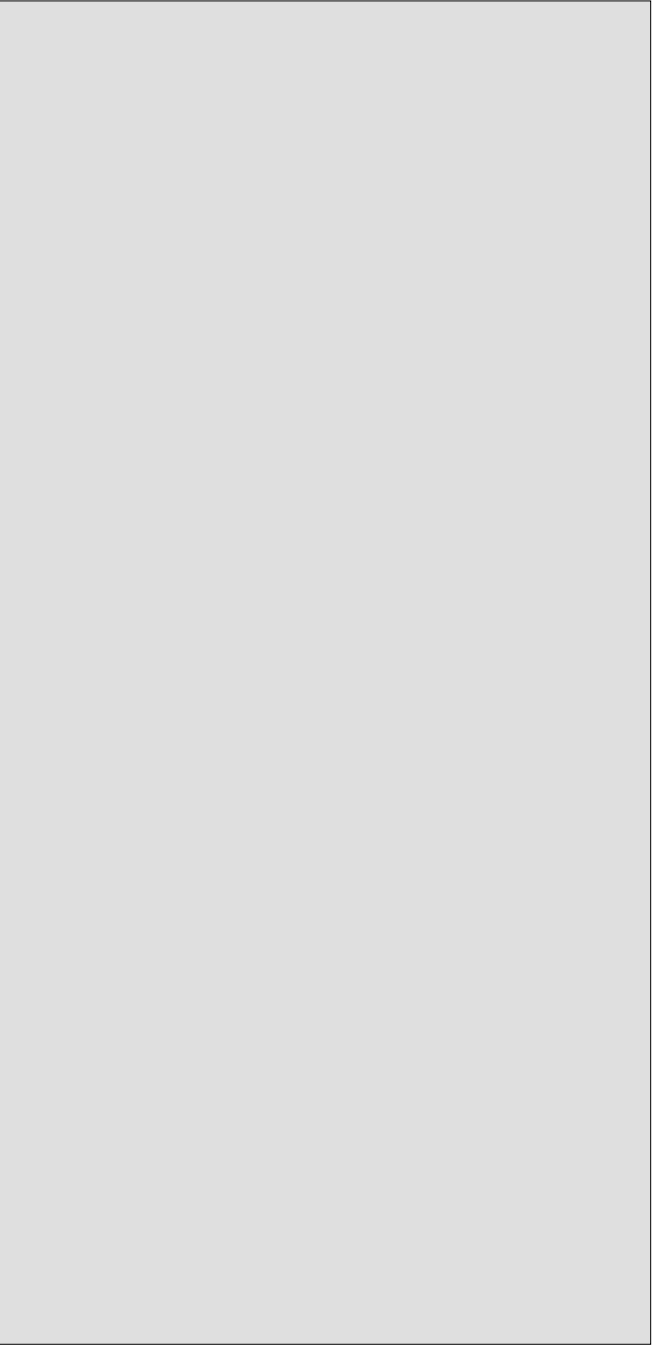
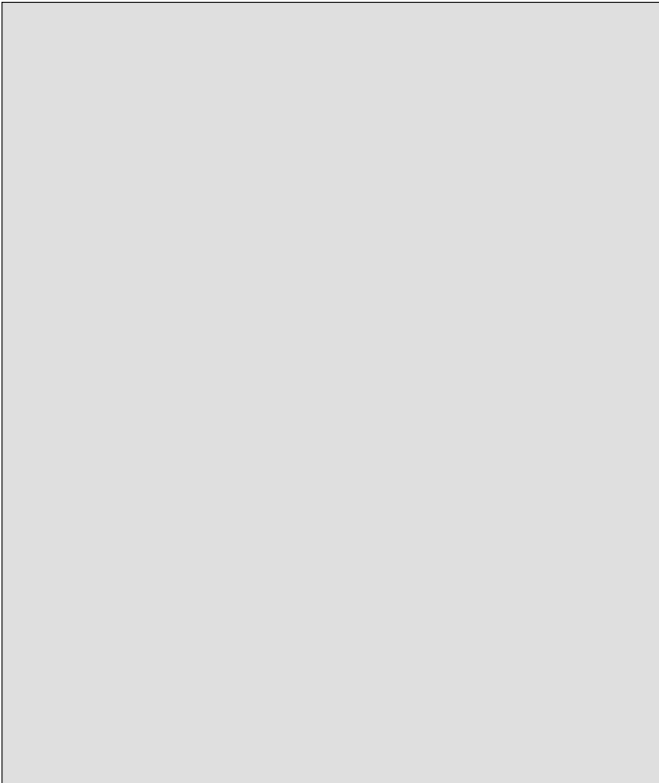
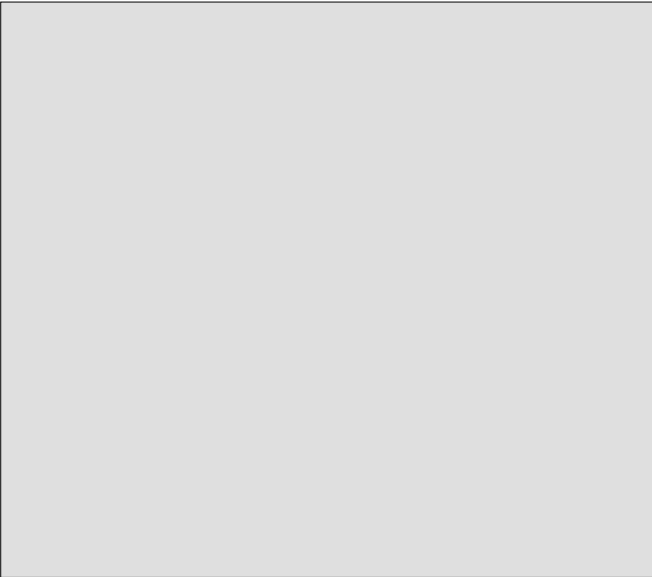
Although many towns do not have a military base nearby, military recruiters are stationed nearly everywhere. Local governments and chambers of commerce are encouraged to reach out to these local members of the military, invite them to speak at community events and encourage members of the community to learn more about America’s military.

Members of a community who know families with a deployed servicemember might want to offer their support by reaching out to those families while their loved ones are deployed.

A number of private organizations are developing Web-based methods for Americans to show support. While donations of food and gifts for delivery overseas can no longer be accepted, interested Americans might contribute instead to military relief societies.

These suggestions are in response to the suspension of the “Any Servicemember” mail program for operations in Bosnia and Kosovo.

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Military postal officials will not be implementing a similar program for Operation Enduring Freedom. Operation Dear Abby, a morale booster for servicemembers overseas for more than 17 years has also been suspended.

Servicemembers value and appreciate expressions of support from the American people, and these and other mail programs have been a significant boost to morale. However, recent mail-related at-

tacks have resulted in additional precautions and safety concerns for servicemembers.

The increased manpower required to ensure safe mail handling coupled with the increased volume of mail that letter-writing campaigns generate could exceed capabilities, and therefore cannot be supported at this time.

Normal mail delivery addressed by name to individual servicemembers will continue uninterrupted.



Master Sgt. Val Gempis

Give it gas

A C-5 Galaxy aircraft participates in an air refueling with a KC-135 Stratotanker aircraft over the Pacific Ocean during an Operation Enduring Freedom mission.

Tyndall lieutenants learn Air Force ABCs

2ND LT. SERENA CUSTIS
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

WARRIOR is not an Air Force Specialty Code—it’s a condition of the heart and a state of mind.

Creators of the Aerospace Basic Course aim to instill this belief into the hearts and minds of all new officers within their first year of active-duty service.

ABC is the Air Force’s newest block of professional military education, conducted at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. Last Friday, 37 Tyndall lieutenants graduated from the four-week course. One lieutenant, Brian Moran, said that the experience was well worth the time.

“I really enjoyed ABC,” he said. “It was a great opportunity for me to learn more about where I fit in today’s Air Force. This course exceeded my expectations and got me even more

excited and proud to be serving my country.”

The ABC course, fathered by former Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald Fogleman, was designed to teach officers that they are airmen first and specialists in their

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COL. DALE SHOUBE
Aerospace Basic Course commandant

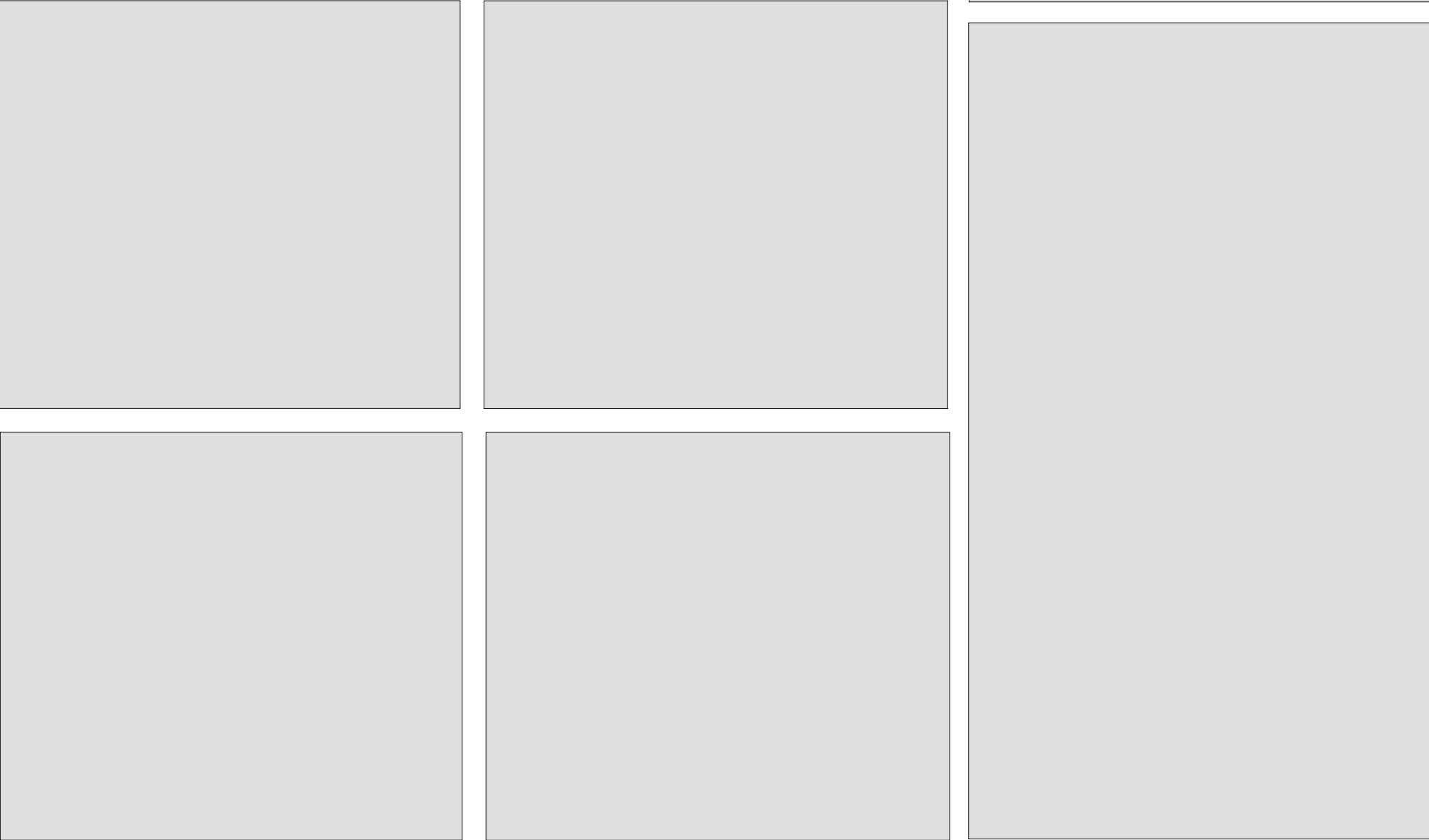
career fields second. According to Col. Dale Shoupe, commandant of ABC, its purpose is to produce a more knowledgeable junior officer corps.

“Students tell me they come out of the course with the ‘big picture.’ But I think they come out with a frame to put the picture in,” Colonel Shoupe said. “The frame built here allows each

lieutenant to understand what the Air Force is doing day to day in support of our national security policy. Students build the big picture over a period of years. Each new assignment, mission and experience they have allows them to put those events into the frame built here at ABC.”

During ABC, officers learn about Air Force history, doctrine and lessons learned from past U.S. conflicts. Students gain perspectives from a variety of Air Force heroes like Lt. Col. Herb Carter, an original Tuskegee Airman, and Col. Gail Halverson, a pilot known as “The Candy Dropper” who flew during the Berlin Airlift, among others. ABC students take part in several team challenges in which they practice leadership and followership within their flights, and

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Staff Sgt. Larry Simmons

A fitting eulogy

A B-52 pilot conducts preflight checks before launching on a night mission recently in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Operation Enduring Freedom continues in response to terrorist attacks on Sept 11.

Feature

When Tool-Time meets the U.S. government and generous people come together, less fortunate Bay Countians have a reason to cheer for...

THE HANDS THAT ROCK THE HOUSE

CAPT. LORI VESSELS

Tyndall Habitat for Humanity coordinator

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that provides housing to low-income families. Through the generosity of volunteers from the local community they are able to build three-bedroom, two-bath houses that accommodate a family of five in only three months. Each house and quarter acre of land cost approximately \$32,000. Prices are kept low because non-skilled volunteers provide 90 percent of the labor.

Tyndall volunteers have proven to be a valuable asset in helping build five houses in this last year. Currently, the volunteers are helping build the 28th house in Bay County. Each volunteer works an average of three to four hours one Saturday out of the month. Each volunteer has the chance to work side-by-side with the future home owners, members of the local community and other military members.

Tyndall volunteers are actively working to make their temporary community a better one. The 325th Fighter Wing and tenant units alike come out. Currently, we sponsor work weekends to supplement non-blitz build weekends. Habitat asks that each unit bring 10 to 15

individuals for one weekend per quarter. Since the new volunteer program began, this past quarter we have had the 325th Air Control Squadron, the 325th Operational Support Squadron and the 325th Maintenance Squadron come out and help put on shingles, put up vinyl siding and install insulation. The tasks vary over the spectrum.

Habitat prides itself on helping people help themselves. Each family pays for their house through 300 labor hours spent working on their own home, and other houses in the community. Many of them, like other volunteers, have never built a house, but through the experience of trained professionals and on-the-job-training, houses go up with a little sweat and a lot of hard work. The result of their hard work? A house of their own and a few new friends to share it with.

All members of the community, military and children over the age of 14 are welcome and encouraged to come out and help build a house. If your unit is interested in "sponsoring" a weekend, please contact the Habitat for Humanity Coordinator for Tyndall Air Force Base, Capt. Lori Vessels, at 283-2887.



Courtesy photo

2nd. Lt. Shawn Daniel, 325th Maintenance Squadron, works on a home Saturday.



Tech. Sgt. Ronald Probulis and Tech. Sgt. Michael Griffith, both from the 325th Safety Office, work on siding for a home.



Staff Sgt. Jaime Santiago, 325th Air Control Squadron, puts shingles on the roof of a home.

Visit the Vets

Remembering those who served before us and gave so much of themselves to preserve the American way of life, Tyndall took time to say thank you



Robert Conley looks at photos with 2nd Lt. Tom Oziemblowsky, 325th Services Squadron readiness officer, Sunday. Above left: Mr. Conley proudly displays his distinguished flying cross. Below: 2nd Lt. Amanda Jones-Greco visits with veterans.



2nd Lt. Adam Avnet, 2nd Fighter Squadron, talks with Phil Mesney.



1st Lt. Allyne Castillo, 325th Logistics Group executive officer, gets a warm hug from Francis Landrum Sunday at GlenCove Nursing Pavilion.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Dan Neely

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rate for the year. In addition, they dominated the biannual Turkey Shoot competitions, being named both the top squadron and the top maintenance flight. They were also the only squadron in the 325th Fighter Wing that rated ‘Outstanding’ in the annual ground-safety assessment.

But their successes aren’t just mission related. Great management helped them set the standard for maintenance training in the operations and logistics groups. They have a 95 percent five- and seven-level pass rate for their career development courses – the best rate in the wing. Management helped get them there, after they came up with and applied a CDC study plan, which dropped their need for time extensions from 17 in Fiscal Year 2000 to none in Fiscal Year 2001.

Despite busy workloads and full schedules, the squadron still found time to support countless community events. They provided 240 man-hours in support of the Special Olympics, helped local veterans provide a 24-hour vigil at the Moving Vietnam Wall, helped build three houses in the community with Habitat for Humanity and gave 111 percent of their goal during the Air Force Assistance Fund campaign.

“The Second Fighter Squadron winning the MEA is great,” said Capt. Lori Vessels, 2nd FS sortie support flight commander. “All of the maintainers in the squadron made it happen. Their dedication to doing their jobs smartly helped create an environment that fostered one of the best years in the last decade.”

“The folks who remain in this squadron continue the same outstanding work year after year, evidenced by the fact that we’ve won the AETC MEA three of the past five years.”

MAJ. MONTGOMERY DEIHL
325th Logistics Support Squadron commander

According to the captain, pride helped them win this award. “What helped us garner this award is the pride our troops take in what they do. They overcame broken, decrepit aircraft and made it happen. It would have never happened if they didn’t love their jobs.”

Logistics Support Squadron

The LSS kept their nose to the grindstone throughout the year and were paid off nicely with their third AETC MEA in the last five years. It took lots of effort from everyone in the squadron, but the long hours and hard work paid off. The squadron knew it was on the ‘up and up’ when in January they received an ‘Excellent’ rating from the ORI team. Every area had improved since the last ORI in August 1998.

This year the Logistics Training Flight managed 5,041 training events through 657 classes, utilizing more than 20,000 training hours and providing timely, quality training to more than 1,200 maintenance personnel. Their superb supply-management skills led to a 7.5 percent non-mission capable for supply rate this fiscal year – the lowest F-15C NMCS in the entire Air Force.

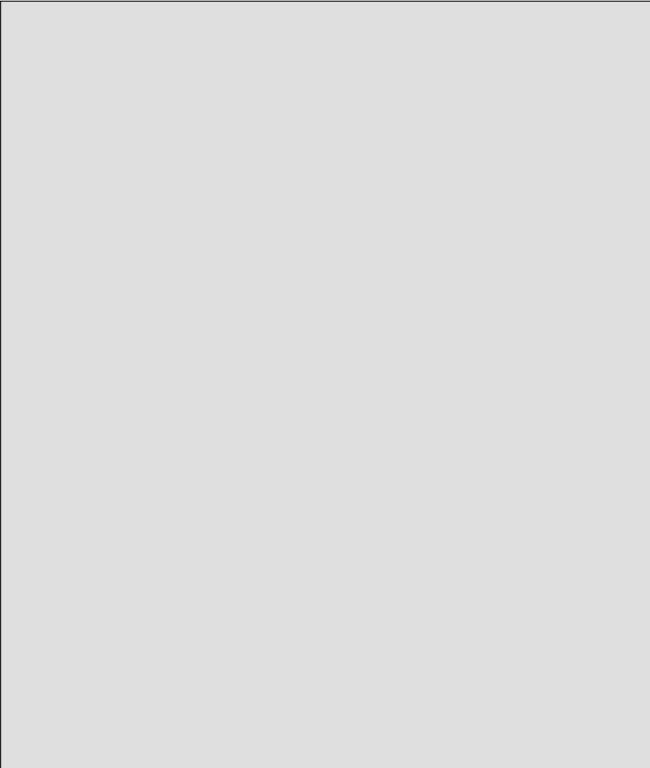
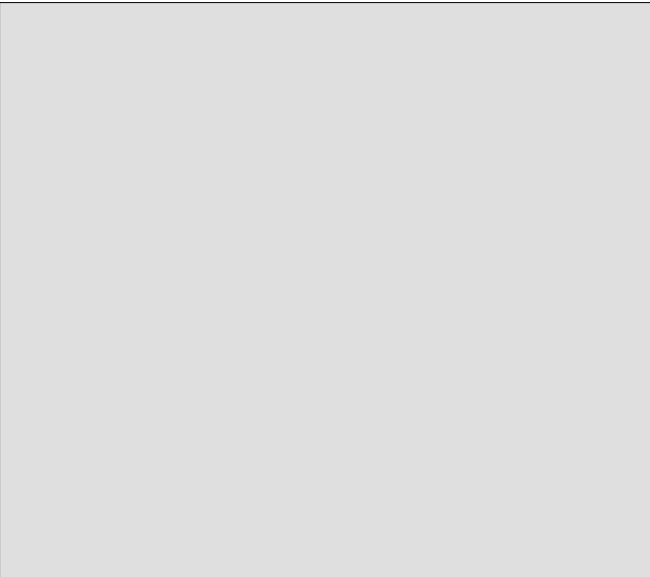
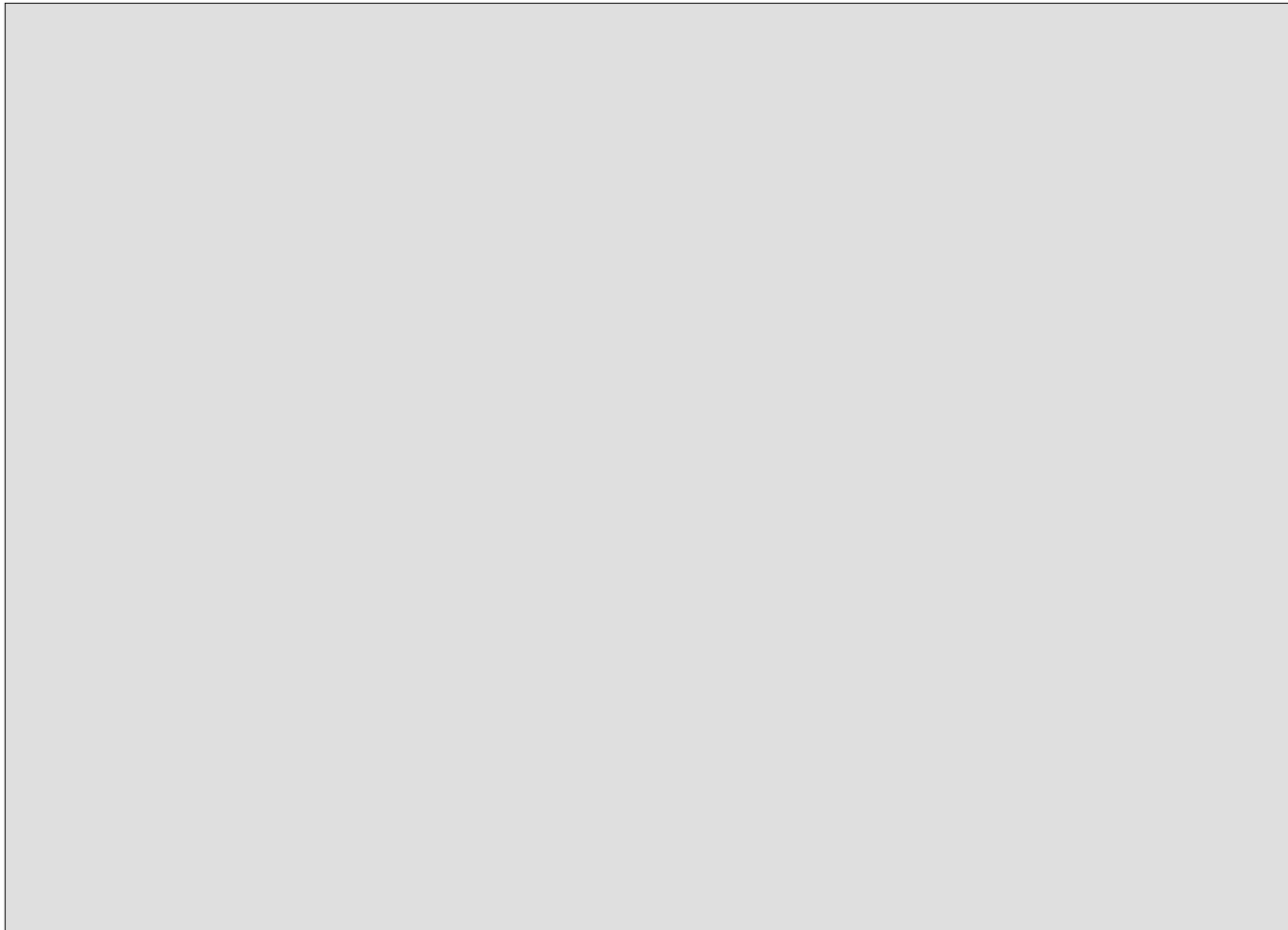
They spearheaded a 46-hour Maintenance Manager’s Course being taught here versus sending 25 troops to Randolph Air Force Base for training; that saved \$47,000 in training costs.

Like the 2nd FS, their management, led by Maj. Montgomery Deihl, LSS commander, was top notch. They instituted computer-based training within the maintenance complex, which improved manpower utilization and helped raise the course completion rate by 25 percent. They also developed a Maintenance Officer Orientation Program handbook, which provides all maintenance and logistics officers with

a quick reference that identifies available training resources and timelines. The ORI team specifically cited the handbook as ‘significantly enhancing officer professional development.’

In addition to the mission, the LSS also participated in countless off-base events and functions. They instituted an annual LSS Family Orientation Day, where families come out and see how important they are to the mission. Plus, they made sure education was available to their airmen. LSS troops completed 326 semester hours, earned six associate’s and three bachelor’s degrees, had two airmen selected for the bootstrap program and one selected for Officer Training School.

“Winning the AETC MEA is confirmation that the members of the LSS are the best at what they do, and further demonstrates what the AETC inspector general found when they visited us back in January,” said Major Deihl. “But this isn’t a single event for this unit. Although commanders and other leadership might change, the folks who remain in this squadron continue the same outstanding work year after year, evidenced by the fact that we’ve won the AETC MEA three of the past five years.”



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through computer war-
gaming exercises, students

learn how to develop air
campaign strategies.
Students cover a variety of

topics during the course
that allow them to grasp the
overall mission of the Air
Force in an educational
atmosphere rather than a
training environment.

After completing four
weeks of study, ABC
students take a final exam
to demonstrate what they
have learned from the
course. They graduate with
a few new friends, a better
understanding of their
profession, and a frame in
which they will capture the
‘big picture’ of their Air
Force over time.



2nd Lt. Serena Custis

**2nd Lt. Brian Moran, 325th Maintenance Squadron,
plots an air campaign strategy with his flightmates.**

The Gulf Guide

Your link to what's going on in the Tyndall community

This Week

Friday

Top 3 meeting

The Tyndall Top 3 monthly meeting is 3 p.m. today in the Pelican Reef Enlisted Club's Classics Lounge.

Blood drive

A Red Cross blood drive is 10 a.m.-3 p.m. today at the noncommissioned officers' club.

Saturday

Lowe's military family day

Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse will be raising funds and promoting the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services by hosting a military family day Saturday. Free 'Power of Pride' picture frame building workshops for kids will be 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Space is limited to the first 150 children. Parents can pre-register at the Lowe's customer service desk. Lowes will donate \$2 from each sale of holiday chrysanthemums to the AAFES line of service.

Thursday

Commissary holiday hours

The Tyndall Commissary will be open Monday and closed Nov. 22 and 23 for Thanksgiving.

Nov. 24

Christmas tree sales

The 325th Communications Squadron booster club's 11th annual Christmas tree sales event will be 11 a.m.-7 p.m. daily Nov. 24-Dec. 16 in the commissary parking lot. Trees are fresh-cut Fraiser firs and Scotch pines. Sizes will range from 5 to 8 feet and trees will be priced at \$30 each. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Debbie Ratliffe, 283-0053.

Nov. 26

Water outage

The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron will conduct a water outage to replace isolation valves on water distribution mains 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Nov. 26. The outage will affect family housing occupants in residences 2852 through 2854 Sabre Drive and 2820 through 2838 Sentry Lane. For more information, call 283-4949.

Dec. 5

Golden-Age Christmas party

The 16th Annual Golden-Age Christmas Party, sponsored by the Tyndall Chiefs' Group, will be 1 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Pelican Reef Enlisted Club. Guests will receive a fruit basket. Anyone wishing to sponsor a fruit basket for a \$3 donation may contact any Tyndall chief master sergeant. Donations of cookies, cupcakes or brownies may be brought to any chief master sergeant by 3 p.m. Dec. 4 or call Chief Master Sgt. Bill Southall, 283-1282.

Dec. 7

Chiefs' Christmas party

The Tyndall Chiefs' Group's annual Christmas party will be 6 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Pelican Reef Enlisted Club. Chief master sergeants and their spouses, retired or active duty, are welcome to attend. The cost will be \$13 per person. For more information or reservations, call Chief Master Sgt. Ron Georgia, 283-2222, Chief Master Sgt. Jim Roncaglione, 283-3815 or Chief Master Sgt. Anderson Edwards, 283-3238.

Yard Sales

The following yard sales are scheduled for Saturday: 2885-B Sabre Drive and 2816-B Falcon St. All yard sales are held between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Notes

Tyndall's GCCC classes

Gulf Coast Community College will resume classes at the Tyndall Education Center starting in January. Classes will only be available on base to those students who hold Department of Defense-issued identification cards. Those wishing to register for classes may do so at the education center or at the main campus. ID cards will be required to register for any on-base course. Troy State University courses will remain off base due to their higher non-DOD affiliated civilian populations. For more information, call the education center, 283-4285.

FSU international relations course

In response to numerous inquiries by students and the community, Florida State University will offer a course called "Special Topics in International Relations: Contemporary Issues in the War on Terrorism" in Spring 2002. Special guest speakers will present their opinions for discussion and debate. The class is open to students and the general public through the class auditing system or as a non-degree seeking student. Students may choose either the 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday class or the 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday class. For registration information, call the FSU registrar's office, 522-2002.

"Rent" musical

The Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning musical, "Rent" will be performed at the Panama City Marina Civic Center 8 p.m. Jan. 18 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan. 19, 2002. Tickets go on sale today at Ticketmaster.com. Tickets can also be purchased beginning 10 a.m. Monday at the Marina Civic Center box office and by phone. Prices range from \$25 to \$32.50.

To charge by phone, call (850) 434-7444, (904) 353-3309 or (334) 434-0033.

Mailing electronic equipment

When mailing electronic equipment, devices and toys through the U.S. Postal Service and the Base Information Transfer Center, customers are cautioned to remove all batteries from the items. If any type of sound is heard coming from the package, it will be treated as an explosive and all buildings in a 500-foot radius will have to evacuate. This causes emergency vehicles to respond and may affect their availability for an actual emergency.

New alteration shop

A new base exchange alteration shop is now open in Building 1506. The shop is open 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday. For more information, call 286-8052.

Renaissance festival

A 2001 Renaissance Festival will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 24 and Nov. 25 all along the lawns of Rosemary Beach, Fla. Entertainment will include mimes, musicians, medieval dances, skits and demonstrations, fencing, a human chess match, a comedy troupe and more. Art and antique vendors will have booths set up in many locations and a variety of vendors will provide food and drinks. For an entertainment schedule, call Dragon Wurks Art at 678-9190.

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Base Theater



Today:

Saturday:

Sunday:

Thursday:

All movies start at 7 p.m.

Retiree News

Support for troops

Due to a moratorium on mail addressed to "Any Servicemember," the Department of Defense suggests that Americans support troops by supporting the communities in which they live. Normal mail delivery addressed by name to individual servicemembers will continue uninter-

rupted.

While donations of food and gifts for delivery overseas can no longer be accepted, interested Americans might contribute instead to military relief societies. For more information, check out: www.defenselink.mil/news/Sep2001/n09172001_200109173.html.

Tigers take two from Robins, extend home win streak

COURTESY OF THE TYNDALL TIGERS

The Tyndall Tigers Men's Varsity Basketball Team ran their home winning streak to a perfect 4-0, as the Tigers took a break from SEMAC conference action to defeat the Robins Falcons this past weekend.

Tyndall-97, Robins-78

In Saturday's game, Tyndall jumped out to an early lead behind the trio of Redd "Franchise" Batiste, Marcus "Mailman" Baucom and Scott Moore who scored 13, 12 and 11 points respectively to take a 52-37 lead into the half-time intermission. In the second half, Robins made a run to trim Tyndall's lead to seven points, 64-57, with 10:53 remaining in the contest. At that point, Batiste took matters into his own hands as he scored 10 consecutive points, combined with an excellent effort by the Tigers on the defensive end, to thwart the Falcons' rally. The Tigers extended their lead to 20 points and never looked back. Scott Moore fired up the fans with two monstrous dunks and Kier Turpin, in his first action of the season, jump started the Tigers' defense. Tyndall enjoyed its best shooting game of the season from the free-throw line as the Tigers connected on 23 of 28 attempts for the game, to break out of their early-season slump.

Redd Batiste led a balanced Tyndall scoring attack with a game-high 28 points, followed by Scott Moore with 18, Marcus Baucom with 16, Mike Roy with 13 and Lance Clark with 12. Batiste and Moore led the Tigers in rebounding with 14 and 12 respectively; Moore also blocked five shots. Baucom and Roy tied in the assist category with seven each. Tony White led Robins in scoring with 20 points.

Tyndall-76, Robins-68

On Sunday, Robins came out aggressively, determined not to let Tyndall run out to a huge early lead. Robins' strategy was to take the ball out of Redd Batiste's hands by overplaying him using a double team. Mike Roy and Lance Clark picked up the scoring slack as they scored 11



Courtesy photo

Mike Roy takes the ball to the hoop on a fast break Saturday as Tyndall wiped out Robins 97-78.

and eight points to give the Tigers a 36-35 lead at the intermission. In the second half, Tyndall suffered through a 5-minute scoring drought as Robins built a 10-point lead 55-45 with 12:10 remaining to be played. A time-out by Tyndall coach Rica Page ignited the Tigers as they went on an 18-2 run, keyed by an opportunistic defense that forced numerous turnovers and converted them into points, to seize control of the contest. A 3-pointer by KeJuan Bostick gave the Tigers the lead for good — Tyndall hit clutch free throws down the stretch to seal the victory.

Mike Roy led the Tigers in scoring with a game-high 20 points; followed by Marvin Gamble and Lance Clark with 15 points each, and Redd Batiste with 11. Clark and Batiste led in rebounding with 15 and 12 respectively, Batiste led in assists with five, and Roy and Batiste led in steals with five each. Fabian Benson led Robins in scoring with 19 points.

The Tigers return to SEMAC action this weekend as they will host the Eglin Eagles. Game times will be: 3 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday.

Life, liberty and the pursuit of great sports across America

2ND LT. RYAN FITZGERALD
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

OK, did anyone notice my goofs in last week's "In the Zone?" There were a couple, and yes, I know the Raiders play in Oakland. I know the Academy played Colorado State last week (and lost). And I know that Aaron McKie came back to play for the Sixers after I bashed him for not being a team player. Now that I've corrected myself, let's move on...

In a great turn of events, Bill Elliot took last weekend's Pennzoil 400 in Homestead, Fla. with a 1.42-second margin. It's Elliot's first victory in 226 races. I love victories like that: when teams go out and

manufacture wins after being second fiddle for seven years it's more fun to watch. Team Dodge has made an impressive re-debut after a sixteen-year hiatus. Dodge has four victories to its credit this year, which isn't too bad for a pseudo-rookie. Ask Toyota how their Indy debut went a few years ago.

Jeff Gordon essentially sealed up his fourth Winston Cup championship Sunday as well. The guy can drive. He's the Michael Jordan of NASCAR. Not because



he's the best there ever was, the way Jordan was, but because he's brought the sport to the masses. Gordon's personality and marketing savvy have made NASCAR as

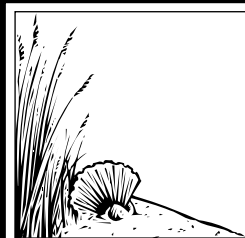
mainstream as football or professional basketball. People dog him all the time, but I'm the most unlikely NASCAR fan in the world, and the Rainbow Warrior is the reason I started paying attention.

The masses, coincidentally, can't be all too impressed with Jordan right now. His

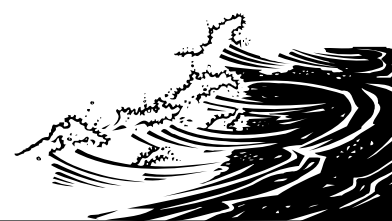
play has been pretty decent, but not spectacular. It's like I wrote a couple weeks ago. This fellow is not going to be the dominant force he once was. He can't pick up an entire team and win. And seriously, the late 80's and 90's Bulls were about forty times better than the Washington Wizards are. So even when Jordan did carry the Bulls, they just didn't weigh as much as the albatross-like Wizard team. Leaving at the top is a lot easier than coming back at the bottom.

You may not get my column in the paper in the next week or so, you see my wife is pregnant. She's due any day. We're

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Funshine NEWS



November 16, 2001

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Fitness Center

☎ 283-2631

Normal Hours Resume

The fitness center has resumed normal week day hours: Mon.-Fri. 5 a.m.-1 a.m.

Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

Start Smart Soccer

Is your 3-5 year old ready for organized soccer? Sign them up for Start Smart Soccer and work one-on-one with your child, developing basic soccer skills. Program runs Dec. 1, 8, 15, and 29 at 8 a.m. Cost is \$25. Call for details.

Pancake Breakfast with Santa



At the Youth Center
Saturday, December 8 • 8-11 a.m.
 \$1.50 ages 12 & under
 \$3.00 ages 13 & above

Register for holiday door prizes, visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, do a holiday craft.

Call 283-4366 for more information.

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Bonita Bay

☎ 283-3199

Winter Boat Rental Rates

Stop by Bonita Bay and rent a boat for half price, not including fuel. Call for details and availability.

Holiday Rental Special

Rent equipment on Dec. 17 and return it on Jan. 2 for the price of one day (excluding boats).

Graphic Impressions

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Business Cards

Your photos or color logos can be included on our Full Color cards for just \$20 per 200.

Color Copies Special

Every Friday 8 1/2" x 11" color copies are just 65¢ each.

Marina Club

☎ 283-3059

Flea Market

Nov. 17, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Many items of nautical interest will be for sale. Sealed bids will be accepted for (2) boats and a motor. Individuals may rent table space for \$10. Call for more info.

Community Activity Ctr.

☎ 283-2495

Pigskin Pics

Terry Kauff astounds everyone with 14 correct picks last week bringing him to a total of 42 pts.

Tae Kwon Do Class

Get in shape and learn self defense.

Honor Guard

☎ 283-4405

Buglers Needed

Call TSgt Harp.

Assistant NCOIC Needed

Requirements are: Sr Amn 5 Level, no derogatory record in PIF, no UIF, and must have 1 year retainability. Apply NLT Dec. 15 to Lt Oziemblowsky.

Berg Liles Dining Facility

☎ 283-2239

Thanksgiving Meal

Nov. 22, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Turkey, ham and all the fixings. Pay is á la carte. Open to all active duty, retirees and dependents.

Information, Tickets & Travel

☎ 283-2499

Travel Office • 283-2864

New operation hours are: Mon-Fri. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Santa Suit for Rent

From Nov. 26 to Dec. 20 you can rent the suit from ITT for \$20 per day.

Skeet & Trap Range

☎ 283-2499

Open Days in November

The Skeet and Trap range will be open November 17 & 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please call for details.

Base Tree Lighting Ceremony

Dec. 6



Watch for more information.

Air Force Clubs

O' Club: 283-4357 • E' Club: 283-4146

Deluxe Brunch Buffet

All Ranks at the Officers' Club
 November 18 • 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 Members \$6.95 • Non-Members \$8.95
 Kids 6-12 \$3.75 under 6 eat free

Cashier's Cage

All ranks cashier's cage for account information, membership sign-ups and transfers, and bill payment at the O' Club, Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Check cashing available at E' Club during evening dining.



Pelican Point Golf Course Club Championship November 17 & 18

Tee times start at 7:30 a.m.

Two day tournament with lunch included on the 18th. **Individual play** (Gross play champion flight. Handicapped other flights.)

Eligibility: Must be a club member (annual, semi-annual, monthly, or optional rider fee plan).

Deadline for sign-ups is noon Nov. 16

For more information call: **283-4389**

AETC Holiday Designated Driver Program

Make the Holidays SAFER and WIN!



Be a designated driver this year between Thanksgiving and New Years Day and you could win a two night stay at one of two San Antonio Marriott Resorts (River Center or Riverwalk). Identify yourself as a designated driver and fill out an entry form at any participating Services facility each visit. Must be 18 years old to enter. The drawing will be held Jan. 3, 2002.

Participating Services facilities:

Bowling Center, 19th Hole Snack Bar at Pelican Pt. Golf Course, Officers' Club, Pelican Reef Enlisted Club, Pizza Pub at the CAC & Marina Club

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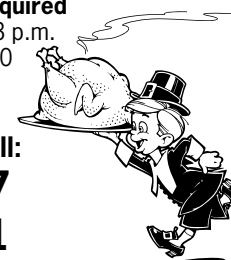
All Ranks Thanksgiving Buffet at the O' Club November 22 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Members \$12.95
 Non-Members \$15.95
 Members' Children 6-12 \$6.95
 Non-Members' Children 6-12 \$9.95
 Children 5 & under FREE

Reservations Required

Please call NLT 3 p.m.
 November 20

For more
 information call:
283-4357
286-5171

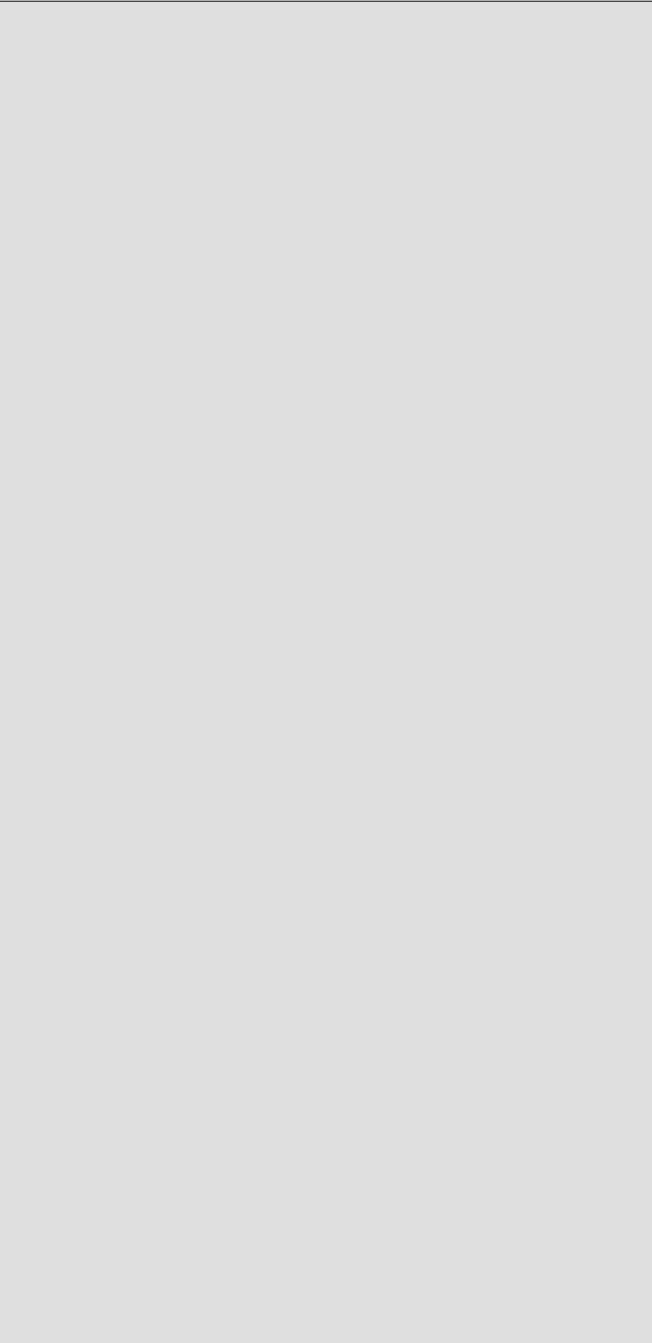


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having a boy (unless that appendage on the sonogram was the umbilical cord). That means that I’m going to have a son. There’s something about a son that makes all new dads get dreamy-eyed. Every dad thinks his son is the next gift to the sporting world. Not only does my unborn child have a baseball glove, but also some Baby Nikes and a flight suit.

My son is going to be the first person ever to play professional baseball, football and basketball simultaneously. Then, on weekends that he’s not busy he’s going to drive some Winston Cup races, all while being a Pulitzer Prize winning writer and doing Nobel winning research. He might also join the ole’ Air Force after graduation from Yale and Harvard, get commissioned, drive a Raptor and make it to general before he’s 30.

Of course, my wife will probably corrupt him. The kid will end up being a poet and expect me to pay for him to go to school so he can get a Ph.D. in pre-1423 lyrical poetry containing multiple instances of alliteration. So here’s to new sons, long-awaited wins and taking life one step at a time.



Tyndall captain runs in NYC marathon

2ND LT. RYAN FITZGERALD
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Tyndall has a real fitness nut on its hands. Captain Shannon Phares of the 325th Aeromedical Dental Squadron, recently competed in the New York City Marathon. Of course, she didn’t really want to run 26 miles. Captain Phares was only in New York due to a scheduling problem that prevented her taking a trip to New Zealand with her Eco-Challenge team to compete in the World Championships. Yes, it would seem that the captain is a glut-ton for physical punishment.

Running the NYC marathon was a challenge even for this fitness guru. Prior to the marathon, Captain Phares had run as far as 26 miles only once, on a training run for the Eco-Challenge. She said that the challenge was mostly mental. “My pride would not let me quit. I got to mile 20 and I told myself ‘OK, let’s just get to mile 21’ and so on. I couldn’t think of it (the last miles) as six more miles.” Though a real test of her conditioning and resolve, Captain Phares finished 1,562nd overall (in the top 5 percent), she was the 181st woman across the finish line and she placed 91st in her age group.

The run included more than 30,000 participants and an estimated 2 million spectators. The route took runners throughout all five boroughs of New York City, although it did not go near the site of the World Trade Center. The starting line was on Verrazano Narrows Bridge, the bridge that stretches from Staten Island into Brooklyn, which posed security concerns to the

race’s organizers, but luckily there were no accidents and no incidents of note.

Captain Phares says she doesn’t plan on entering any more marathons, she says her body hurt too badly after the first one. But pressed a bit she admitted with a sly grin, “I could probably have my arm twisted into doing another one.”



Courtesy photo

More than 30,000 runners took part in this year’s marathon.

